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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY
ON FOLLOWING REFTEL AGENDA ITEMS.

2. PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA. THE 63RD SESSION OF ECOSOC

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(JULY 6-AUGUST 5) WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO AMEND THE MEMBER-
SHIP RULES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
TO PROVIDE FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PLO. YOU SHOULD STRESS
OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL AND OUR HOPE FOR THE SUPPORT
OF THE EC-9, SIX OF WHOM ARE ECOSOC MEMBERS (DENMARK,
FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, UK). WE HAVE MADE
SEPARATE APPROACHES TO THESE AND MOST OTHER ECOSOC MEMBERS,
ASKING THAT THEY OPPOSE PLO MEMBERSHIP ON THE GROUNDS THAT:
--ELEVATION OF THE PLO TO FULL MEMBER STATUS WOULD BE A
HARMFUL INSTITUTIONAL PRECEDENT FOR THE UN. IT WOULD BE THE
FIRST INSTANCE OF GIVING A NON-STATE THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES
OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE A UN ORGAN.
-- FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UN SYSTEM HAS BEEN AND SHOULD BE
LIMITED TO THOSE WILLING AND ABLE TO SATISFY MEMBERSHIP

OBLIGATIONS.
--SUCH AN ACTION WOULD COMPLICATE EVEN FURTHER THE CURRENT
EFFORTS TO GET MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS STARTED SINCE THE
STATUS OF PLO AND PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IS ONE OF
KEY PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED.

3. BELGIAN HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE. AT THE 31ST GA THE
BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD
HAVE GOVERNMENTS COMMIT THEMSELVES, VOLUNTARILY AND IN
ADVANCE, TO ACCEPTING A VISIT FROM AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INVESTIGATING HUMAN RIGHTS
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VIOLATIONS UNDER PROCEDURES DEFINED IN ECOSOC RESOLUTION
1503. THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 32ND
GA. WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY
THE NATURE OF THE CONTEMPLATED COMMITMENT TO ADMIT AN AD
HOC COMMITTEE AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THAT COMMITMENT WOULD
BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER RESOLUTION 1503. FOR EXAMPLE, HOW
WOULD CONDITIONS PRIOR TO LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION BE
FULFILLED AND HOW WOULD THE MAKE-UP OF AN INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE BE DETERMINED? THESE COULD BE CRUCIAL POINTS
IN A CASE WHERE A MAJORITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
DECIDED, FOR PRIMARILY POLITICAL REASONS, TO CONDUCT AN
INVESTIGATION REGARDLESS OF THE UNDERLYING HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATION. WE INFORMED THE BELGIANS LAST YEAR THAT WE
SHARE THEIR CONCERN FOR STRENGTHENING THE UN'S HUMAN RIGHTS
PROCEDURES AND FIND THEIR PROPOSAL AN IMAGINATIVE ONE AND
ASKED FOR SOME CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE QUESTION
RAISED ABOVE. WE PROMISED TO GIVE THE PROPOSAL CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION AND SAID WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE
VIEWS OF OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. TO DATE, THERE HAS
BEEN NO BELGIAN FOLLOW-UP.

4. CYPRUS. UNTIL THE TURKISH POLITICAL SCENE CLARIFIES

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ITSELF -- WHICH MAY TAKE SOME ADDITIONAL WEEKS -- NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS AND TO THE OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. DURING THIS PERIOD INTERESTED OUTSIDERS MUST CONTINUE MARKING TIME. WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR A SECOND CLIFFORD MISSION OR FOR ANY OTHER SPEFICIC INITIATIVES, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BE HOPEFUL THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE AHEAD AS EARLY AS LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER. WE THUS THINK IT DESIRABLE THAT THE TRACK BE KEPT CLEAR FOR WHATEVER INITIATIVES WE AND THE EUROPEANS MIGHT TAKE TOGETHER WHEN CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT. WE THUS WOULD HOPE THAT DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS AT THE FALL CSCE BELGRADE MEETING, THE UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONSIDERATION ON THE CYPRUS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, ETC. WOULD NOT GET IN THE WAY OF A MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATING PROCESS.
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WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE EC ON CYPRUS, AND WE APPRECIATE THE COMMUNITY'S CONTINUING

DESIRE TO WORK WITH US TO DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CYPRUS DE CUELLAR WAS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 27 AND INDICATED HIS INTENTION ON HIS RETURN TO CYPRUS TO CONSULT WITH THE TWO COMMUNAL NEGO-TIATORS TO SEE IF A MEETING(S) CAN BE ORGANIZED TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NICOSIA IN LATE MAY AND EARLY JUNE BEFORE BEING RECESSED FOR THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON RENEWAL OF THE UNFICYP MANDATE. WE ENCOURAGED DE CUELLAR TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO GET THE TALKS STARTED AGAIN, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CHIEF VALUE OF CONTINUED INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS UNDER UN AUSPICES AT THIS STAGE IS ONLY TO KEEP THE PROCESS IN MOTION AND THUS OBVIATE (HOPEFULLY) PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH COULD OCCUR ONCE CONDITIONS PERMIT REAL FORWARD MOVEMENT. SIMILARLY, WE COUNSELED VISITING CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES KYPRIANOU LAST WEEK TO ENCOURAGE GREEK CYPRIOT PATIENCE UNTIL A NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT WAS FIRMLY IN CONTROL. WE ALSO URGED THAT IN ITS PUBLIC STATEMENTS THE GREEK SIDE NOT GIVE THE TURKS AN EXCUSE TO RAISE PROBLEMS.

WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE AEGEAN CLOSELY AND ARE PREPARED IF THE PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES TO REITERATE OUR STRONG HOPE THAT BOTH SIDES EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES THROUGH THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. VANCE

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